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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Paul Allen CRONCE and Joseph M.  
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Serial No.: 09/503,778

Filing Date: February 14, 2000

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DEVICE FOR AUTHORIZING USE OF  
PROTECTED INFORMATION AND  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ☒ Within three months of the application filing date or before mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.
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  - ☐ A fee is required.
  - ☐ A Certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is provided below; accordingly, no fee is believed to be due.
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Applicants would appreciate the Examiner initialing and returning the Form PTO-1449, indicating that the information has been considered and made of record herein.

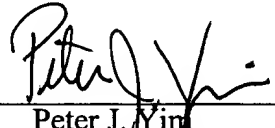
The information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is to the best of my knowledge and is not to be construed as a representation that: (i) a complete search has been made; (ii) additional information material to the examination of this application does not exist; (iii) the information, protocols, results and the like reported by third parties are accurate or enabling; or (iv) the above information constitutes prior art to the subject invention.

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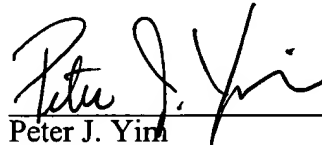
- 1) Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (3 pages);
- 2) Form PTO-1449 (3 pages) with attached 51 references; and
- 3) A return receipt postcard.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this transmittal, or to credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket number 429032000100.

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